

CLAIMS

1. A tablet comprising a low dose of active principle  
formed from microgranules comprising a directly  
compressible diluent, characterized in that the  
directly compressible diluent is composed solely  
of neutral microgranules and in that the active  
principle is attached as a coating to the neutral  
microgranules and is not coated with an agent  
intended to modify its release or to mask its  
taste.
2. The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in  
that the size of the neutral microgranules is  
between 100 and 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably between 200  
and 600  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. The tablet as claimed in claim 2, characterized in  
that the size of the neutral microgranules is  
between 200 and 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. The tablet as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims, characterized in that its hardness is  
between 0 and 20 daN.
5. The tablet as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims, characterized in that its friability is  
between 0 and 1%.
6. The tablet as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims, characterized in that its disintegration  
time is less than 15 minutes.
7. The tablet as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims, characterized in that it is composed of an  
active principle attached as a coating to neutral  
microgranules and of compression excipients in an  
amount of less than 1% by weight with respect to

the weight of the tablet.

- 5 8. The tablet as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it additionally comprises a lubricant in an amount of less than 1% by mass of the tablet.
- 10 9. The tablet as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the content of lubricant is between 0.125 and 0.75% by mass, preferably of the order of 0.25% by mass.
- 15 10. The tablet as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the amount of active principle is less than 40 mg/g of system to be tableted, preferably less than 10 mg/g.
- 20 11. A composition containing
  - between 99 and 100% by mass of neutral microgranules to which is attached as a coating of an active principle, and
  - between 0 and 1% by mass of a lubricant, which composition is intended to be subject to direct compression.
- 25 12. The composition as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the active principle attached as a coating to the neutral microgranules represents less than 4% by mass of the neutral microgranules.
- 30 13. A process for the preparation of the tablet as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it is obtained by direct compression of the composition as claimed in either of claims 11 and 35 12 by employing a compression force of between 5 and 50 kN, preferably between 10 and 30 kN.

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